



Kentucky Exposition Center

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Basketball Abounds at the Kentucky Exposition Center

LOUISVILLE, KY (June 27, 2013) – Basketball abounds at the Kentucky Exposition Center this summer, with three separate youth tournaments. The Premier Team Network Nationals, the Round Robin and the 30th Annual Kentucky Hoopfest offer plenty of hoops action for basketball fans. Held in the North and East Wings, these tournaments are expected to generate \$2.3 million in economic impact for Louisville.

The Premier Team Network Nationals will be held Saturday, July 6 – Monday, July 8. More than a hundred girls' teams from across the United States are expected to attend. Teams will compete in the U13 (under 13) to U17 (under 17) divisions. Tickets for this event are \$10 per person.

The Round Robin is a two day warm-up event Monday, July 15 - Tuesday, July 16 before the Kentucky Hoopfest. Traveling teams will play three games on Monday and three games on Tuesday as well as have a practice session on Wednesday morning before the Hoopfest begins.

The 30th Annual Kentucky Hoopfest will be held Thursday, July 18 – Sunday, July 21. Celebrating its 30th anniversary, the Kentucky Hoopfest is the oldest tournament for traveling teams. More than 150 traveling all-star high school boys' basketball teams from more than 20 states as well as Canada will compete in front of fans and college coaches at this annual basketball tournament. Teams will be competing in the Senior-To-Be (17U), Junior-to-Be (16U), Sophomore-To-Be (15U), Freshman-To-Be (14U), 8th Grade, 7th Grade, 6th Grade, 5th Grade and 4th Grade division. This NCAA-certified tournament will be attended by more than 200 D-1, D-2, D-3, NAIA, JUCO coaches and various scouting services.

Tickets for the Round Robin and Kentucky Hoopfest are \$8 per adult and \$4 for children under 12 and can be purchased at the door. Parking at the Kentucky Exposition Center is \$8 per vehicle. Tournament games start 8:00 a.m. each day and the last game begins 9:30 p.m. Teams will compete in pool play before moving onto a single elimination tournament.

For more information, visit <http://eddiefordhoops.com> and <http://premierteamnetwork.com>.

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